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AND ITS USE

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Respectfully submitted,

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I, Helmut Fritz, associated with the preparation and prosecution of the above-identified application, residing at Kreuzstraße 11, 83624 Otterfing, Germany, wish to call the attention of the Patent Examiner to the references enumerated on the enclosed PTO Form-1449.

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EP 0 705 797 A2, cited in the application, is already in English language and is enclosed.

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